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resulted in actual failure; although the movement really succeeded over 120 years ago the influence of the crown is still felt in our histories thereof. This phase of the old controversy between the crown of England and "body politic" of Virginia is still going on; but the effort of the crown to obliterate this history must finally fail, for the real history of this movement can only be written, as it was enacted, independent of the influences of the crown. The popular course of government would not have been instituted in Virginia, it would not have continued to grow nor would it ever have matured there, if the English Court party which licensed the history and controlled the evidences could have prevented it; and those who instituted, nurtured and matured that form of government cannot receive the honors due them if our histories are based on the evidences of the crown. The loyal view-point of our colonial history was revolutionized over 120 years ago; our historians must recognize that fact and secure us from the imputation of insensibility by restoring the true history which the crown wished to obliterate.

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**Notes from the Council and General Court Records,
1641-1682.**

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